



Maryland Department  
of the Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

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### SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING

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#### Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2013, 12.57 % recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 12.57 % waste diversion rate.

#### Residential Program

##### *Curbside*

- ▶ No Countywide curbside-recycling program exists. The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne have eliminated their curbside programs.

##### *Drop-off*

- ▶ Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, glass, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, white goods, oil and antifreeze are collected at five county-operated drop-off sites throughout the county. The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne also operate drop-offs, for a total of seven.

##### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ All cardboard, newspaper, glass, plastic bottles, metal cans and aluminum cans are transported to the Wicomico County Landfill for processing and marketing.
- ▶ Scrap metal and white goods are collected at the County landfill and sold through a yearly contract.
- ▶ Oil and antifreeze are collected at all of the five County transfer stations through a contract with Maryland Environmental Service.

##### *Municipalities*

- ▶ The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne collect *white goods* by special pickup.
- ▶ The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne operate accept glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and newspapers at their respective town maintenance departments.



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- ▶ A scrap tire collection day is held annually providing funding is available through the Maryland Department of the Environment. The Maryland Environmental Service provides administrative support to the County for the scrap tire collection event.

#### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ Residents may bring tree trimmings and trunks up to 12 inches in diameter to the landfill for chipping. The material is given away to local residents.

#### *Other Materials*

- ▶ White goods are collected at the landfill and at all five Somerset County waste transfer stations.
- ▶ Telephone books are accepted in the newspaper container at the five waste transfer stations.
- ▶ Tires are accepted at the County landfill for a fee. Passenger tires \$4.00 each; large truck tires \$12.00 each; off-road tires \$360.00/ton.
- ▶ Waste oil, antifreeze, and oil filters are accepted at the transfer stations.

#### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County does not currently have a HHW program.

#### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County currently does not have an electronics-recycling program.

### **Commercial Program**

- ▶ There is no established commercial collection program. However, some businesses are recycling.

### **Public Buildings**

- ▶ The County collects magazines, newspaper, and office paper in all County office buildings for recycling. The paper is transported to the Wicomico County landfill for baling.

### **Procurement**

- ▶ Some computer paper and other assorted office paper is being purchased.

### **Disposal**

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Somerset County landfill is currently \$64/ton. The rate will increase to \$66/ton on July 1, 2015.
- ▶ A per vehicle permit fee of \$56.00 is currently charged for the use of the five County transfer stations. Two additional permits can be purchased for \$10.00 and \$15.00 each. As of July 1, 2015 only one additional permit will be issued at a cost of \$25.00. The yearly fee entitles residents to unlimited use of the transfer station providing each trip does not exceed 500 pounds.



## **Financing/Budget**

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through the General Fund supplemented by tipping fees at the landfill and transfer station permits.



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